

REMARKS

Claims 4, 8 and 9 were objected to, and claim 1 was amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4. Claims 8 and 9 depend on currently amended claim 1. Claims 10-17 were previously allowed.

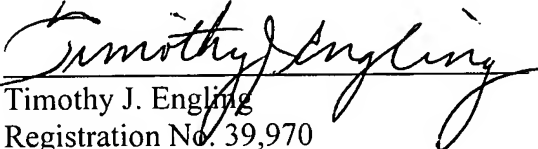
The fee of \$60.00 (small entity) for an extension for response within the first month is enclosed. Also, to show the mailing date of DEC 26, 2006 a copy of the postmark is included, since the Office Action was mailed later than the December 11, 2006 date on the Office Action.

Conclusion

Accordingly, all claims specify patentable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. The applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of this application.

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